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MWR has your ticket to fun

By JO3 Denise Morris

How many times have you heard the phrase, "There is not anything to do in Fallon?" Probably many times. Maybe you've even said it yourself. Many people believe that moving to Fallon is like a prison sentence: two to three years in the desert. Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is working hard planning activities on base and trips to battle this misconception about the little oasis in Nevada.

Karen Kline, Information, Ticket and Tours Coordinator said that one thing she notices about sailors that come to Fallon is they aren't smiling and they say there isn't anything to do unless you are over 21 and like to gamble. "That is so untrue," she said. "I have done so much research and found that between Reno, Lake Tahoe and California there is so much to do." Reno alone has numerous different museums, events and activities every

day, and that's just one area within driving distance.

A lot of the boredom can be due to the fact many don't know NAS Fallon has one of the biggest MWR programs in the Navy.

According to MWR Marketing Director, Jenny Dormuth, who was handing out fliers to newly arriving sailors, Don't feel that just this is what we put out and is all we have to offer. We have so much more."

In fact, MWR has so many facilities and benefits on base they can't all be mentioned in one article without excluding something from them.

Even with all the fliers and the word getting out about specials and events being offered, people still say this base doesn't offer them anything. But Disneyland might not offer anything to someone who doesn't use his or her time wisely.

Just to name a few of the MWR facilities, there is the Bowling Center

with the new Hot Stuff Pizza and the new enlisted club, Planet X, that caters to all ages including sailors under 21 with two new fast food restaurants.

The Desert Moon Theater has free movies and cheaper concession rates then out in town. The theater has previews for movies that haven't even been released to the rest of the nation and can be reserved for parties, command functions and for training. The theater is also open late for the midwatch personnel who don't get a chance to watch movies during the earlier hours.

The gym, Fitness Center and Indoor Pool also fall under MWR. Even though their facilities main priorities are active duty's fitness, they are available for other's use. The Indoor Pool is open year-round and is also available for parties. The gym sponsors volleyball, basketball, and racquetball courts and a weight room.

Tim Tooker, Athletic Director, is retired Navy and said that he sympathizes with the sailors situation in the small town

of Fallon, but since he likes Fallon, he said don't expect too much sympathy.

Sorenson Park has a softball field, play area, picnic area along with a bathing cage and football fields.

Information, Ticket and Tours (ITT) offers many ticket sales to amusement parks, lift tickets to Lake Tahoe, and shows and events in Reno.

Kline made it clear that all the ac-

tivities aren't just for single sailors and geobachelors, but they also cater to families as well as retired and civilian employees.

The Single Sailor program has sponsored the Rock n' Bowl, Sumo wrestling, free pizza night at the theater, trips to Yosemite, and contests

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The Go-cart track is one of many activities offered to service members by MWR (photo by JO3 Denise Morris).

Nichols takes charge of NSAWC

By JO3 Luke Johnson

Rear Adm. David C. Nichols relieved Rear Adm. Richard J. Naughton as Commander of the NSAWC May 29th at 1:00 p.m. in Hangar 5.

Nichols is a native of Tennessee, and a 1973 graduate of the University of Tennessee. Nichols was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through ROTC. Nichols transferred to the U.S. Navy, and he completed flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola. After flight training, he reported to NAS Whidbey Island for training in the A-6 Intruder.

This will be Nichols third tour at Fallon. He was a Tactics Department Head at Naval Strike Warfare Center, and he commanded STRIKE from 1995-96.

Nichols commands at sea include Attack Squadron 196 onboard USS Independence from 1990 to 1991 during Operation Desert Shield, and he commanded Carrier Wing 2 onboard USS Constellation from 1994-95 during deployment to Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch. He also commanded Carrier Group 1 from July 2000 to Nov 2001. He served as USCENTCOM Deputy Air Component Commander at Prince Sultan Air Base Saudi Arabia from December 2001 until March 2002 during Operation Enduring Freedom.



Adm. David Nichols at Change of Command

Nichols first Flag Officer assignment was Deputy Director of Operations on the U.S. Central Command Staff headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Nichols graduated with distinction from the Naval War College, Newport, RI in 1992 with a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and subsequently completed the National Defense University Joint and Combined Staff Officer School at the Armed Force College, Norfolk.

Nichols has 5,000 flight hours in various models of Navy aircraft including more than 4,000 hours in the A-6 Intruder. He was a recipient of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Naval Flight Officer of the Year as a Lieutenant Commander and the Senator Henry M. Jackson Memorial Leadership Award as a Commander.

Rear Adm. Naughton will be the next superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, and he will be promoted to Vice Admiral.

NAS Fallon honors local Millenium Flag



NAS Fallon Honor Guard members LISN Richard Perez, AE3 Dane Olson and AO3 ReyDel Veenstra pay tribute, May 24, to the American Flag painted on the wall on the corner of Maine Street and Williams Avenue in Fallon. The ceremony was held to retire the hand-painted symbol before the wall was demolished. Several other base personnel attended the event including the base CO, Capt. Brad T. Goetsch, and base chaplain, Cmdr Jack Kirk, who both spoke to the crowd. (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

He shoots! He scores!

Story and Photos by JO3 Denise Morris

Picture an image of a father and son with a fishing pole walking to a small creek. That probably brings up memories of the theme song to the "Andy Griffith Show". But one son has the same images of himself and his father except the fishing pole is a rifle and the creek is a range.

MA1 John Nagazyna, reserve assistant LPO, didn't always shoot like his father, but his distance in yardage is very impressive. In his spare time, he concentrates on shooting a rifle at a range of 200 to even 1,000 yards with ironsight and no scope.

He compared what his target looks like to the naked eye to shooting at a black eraser in the middle of a postage stamp from afar.

Nagazyna became active reserve on September 20, 2001. He is the firearms specialist for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department where he works on firearms and teaches the department how to shoot.

He participated in the Pacific Fleet Rifle championship recently where he placed 7th out of approximately 200 competitors. He was also part of All Navy Rifle and Pis-

tol Championship where he placed 6th out of approximately 90 other competitors.

He said while he was in the Army for 10 years, he didn't really have an opportunity to compete. He became part of the Navy rifle team six years ago and always wanted to be on the team since he joined the Navy eight years ago.

Nagazyna said competing wasn't easy at first even though he's been shooting for fun since he was a kid. "I started all over again from square one: learning how to hold the rifle, what the positions are and going out there and having a lot of problems in the beginning," he explained. "And one day everything just falls into place."

His earliest experiences with arms was at four-years-old when he went to the range with his dad, who was a shooter for the Marine Corps Rifle team.

"I set goals for myself," said Nagazyna, "My first goal was to become a distinguished marksman and to wear the same type of badge my father wore which was the distinguished badge in rifle."

He said that when he received the award it completed his first goal. He had a big sigh of relief

because he could finally start shooting for fun and start enjoying it as a sport again and get ready for the next goal.

He showed a photo of his happy expression when he found out he received the badge. "First I couldn't believe it." He said that getting to your goal isn't the end.

"Then you shoot more matches and you just miss getting into the medal count and it's like 'wait a minute, I know I was doing well'." Nagazyna said. Then you

get your next medal and everything starts falling into place and then everything starts getting harder, because you're pushing yourself harder to beat every score you ever shot. And when it finally does happen, it's like a big load has been taken off your shoulder."

There were two things that triggered his career in arms. "One was spending time with my dad, two was the smell of hoppy gun cleaner." He added, "It was just looking at the camaraderie of the people that shot this type of sport. It's like a close-knit family." He added that this type of sport is also fun.

He said that by being in the re-

serves he has been given the opportunity to do what he loves. "The Navy is letting me do my hobby which is teaching people to shoot," he said. "I'm teaching somebody to use a weapon properly and proficiently that if they ever have to use their firearm, they know how to use it and they can use it."

He is also answering to Vice Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani's call to teach your shipmate to learn fundamental military small arms marksmanship.

"The reserves have given me open hands to almost 300 sailors to qualify as well as it's given me a chance to go to the Pacific Fleet and

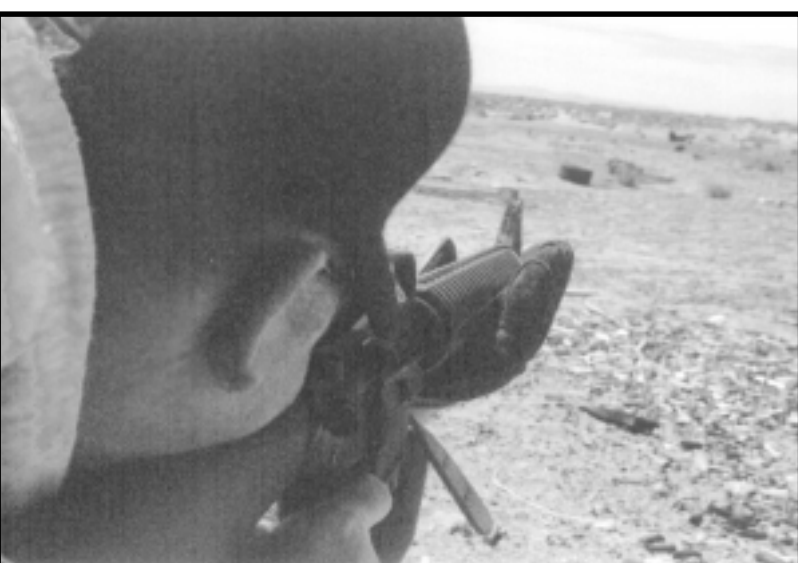
All Navy and become a distinguished marksman."

MA1 David Dykstra, the reserve training LPO, has known Nagazyna for seven years. "He is an excellent teacher and instructor." He added that Nagazyna can take the most novel shooter and teach them how to shoot as a professional would.

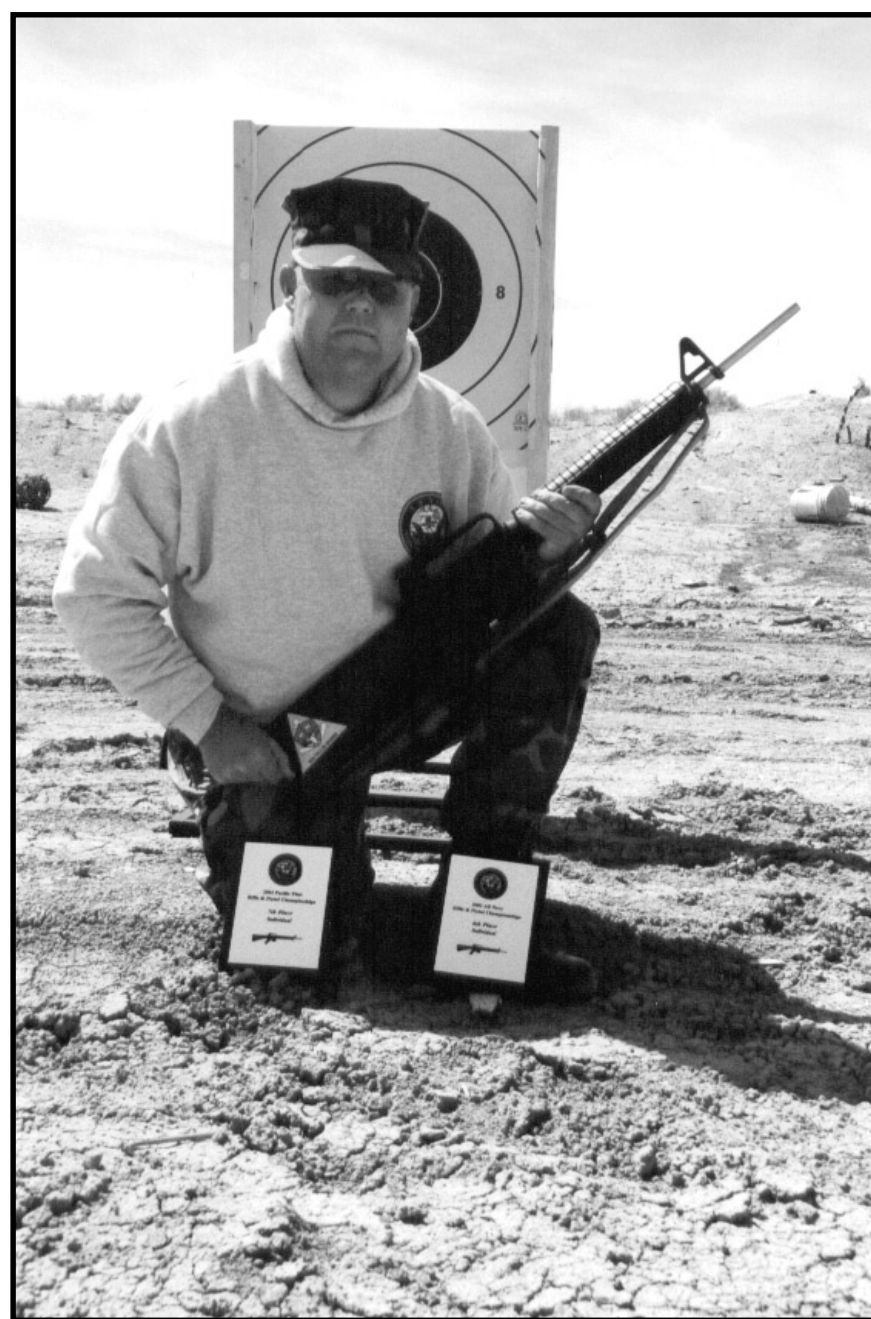
"He is very good at what he does," Dykstra concluded. He said that setting goals and setting them higher each time he accomplishes one keeps him going. Now his new goal is to start learning pistol and become double distinguished.

This year he is going to the National High Power Rifle Championship at Camp Perry, Ohio where he hopes to accomplish those other goals: be one of President's 100, which is the top 100 shooters all services and civilian sector in the United States shooting High Power Rifles, get the Wyatt Cup which is for the highest Navy shooter and the Arleigh Burke trophy.

Maybe when he finally reaches one of these goals, he can fully go back to shooting for fun and go back to the olden days of fishing-shooting



MA1 John Nagazyna takes aim at his target 200 yards down range.



Nagazyna displays his awards from the Pacific Fleet Rifle championship and the All Navy Rifle and Pistol championship.

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NASF tightens water sampling procedures

By JO1 Patrick Lane
Water.

One of the most basic elements on earth. In fact, two thirds of the earth is covered by it and most of the human body is comprised of it. Without it, a person would die within days. Yet, the act of filling a glass of water at your kitchen tap is something most Americans take for granted. Questions rarely come to mind about where the water in our homes comes from or what might be in it. The fact that most of us take for granted the quality of our water is thanks, in part, to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) passed by Congress in 1974.

By authorizing the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set national health-based standards, the SDWA protects against both naturally occurring and man-made contaminants that may be found in drinking water. The EPA works with state agencies to ensure the standards are met at the local level by the more than 170,000 public water systems in the United States.

According to Michael Edwards, a contractor with the base environmental department who has over 18 years experience in the field, NAS Fallon takes its water supply from an underground source called a basalt aquifer. The base has three wells located off of Crook Road which are set into the aquifer at depths between 510 and 538 feet. The water is pumped to the surface where it is treated with chlorine for any possible bacteriological contaminants. It is then stored in tanks on Rattlesnake Hill to take advantage of gravity to provide pressure to individual homes.

The SWDA recognizes that since everyone drinks water, everyone has a right to know what is in it. Therefore, all water suppliers must provide

consumers with water related information and notify them anytime there is a problem such as a potential health threat. Additionally, state agencies and the EPA must prepare annual summary reports of water system compliance with drinking water safety standards and make these reports available to the public.

The EPA sets national standards for drinking water based on sound science while taking into consideration available technology and costs. These standards state the maximum levels for contaminants and also provide the required methods for water treatment. Additionally, testing schedules and procedures are provided for water system administrators to follow. Since it would be impractical to assign individual monitors to each water system across the nation, the EPA enforces the testing of water systems and closely monitors the reporting of these results through state health department records.

The EPA must rely upon documentation of testing to ensure proper procedures are being followed.

Recently, testing records for NAS Fallon showed a discrepancy in the way our water was being tested. Apparently, there is a schedule for testing each well head, all of which are within 200 feet of each other. NAS Fallon had been taking samples from a point beyond the well heads, after the treatment point.

"There was some confusion between NAS Fallon and the state health department as to the requirement in the permit," said Edwards. "We had corresponded with the agency expressing an opinion about what we thought should be done. Apparently, we did not get back written confirmation of that understanding and (subsequently) we followed the path of

our understanding," he said.

"What we're looking at here is testing (requirements) that were on the permit, as the state interprets it, to be performed on each well within the system that NAS Fallon is operating. Some of these tests were not performed," said Edwards. "There was a requirement to do the testing in a certain way. Because of a misinterpretation, we did not do that," he added.

Edwards explained that a clear understanding now exists and the base is in full compliance with the permit including the necessity to inform the public. "The regulations are clear that if there is something missing we have to notify our consumers," he said of the public notice appearing below.

Though the public notification of the sampling violation may seem alarming, base residents should understand the context of the situation. "For the general public, it puts them on alert that we cannot state clearly the quality of the water for that period of time," said Edwards. But, he explained that the history of the aquifer provides a steady, virtually unchanging record of the quality of the water and the public can assume that quality to remain constant.

According to Edwards, the water is, "... coming from an aquifer that is well know and well defined. It has been monitored since the 1940's. It is a water system that is essentially uniform. It doesn't have a whole lot of varia-

tion over a long period of time," he said. Edwards continued by discussing the quality of the water from the aquifer. "Looking at it historically, the aquifer has been clean. If you look at the records you will not find contaminants, other than arsenic, that would be a health hazard. So, when you look at this small blip in time when we weren't sampling correctly, there's no reason to believe that anything has changed during that period of time." In fact, the base does not expect to see any major deviation in water samples taken before and after compliance with the procedures stated in the permit.

According to Edwards the most recent sampling was conducted on May 13 and, as expected, preliminary data indicates that high levels of arsenic were present, but no Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) exceed the Maximum Contaminant Levels mandated by the EPA.

Looking to the future, Edwards is optimistic about the water situation on base. Currently, reverse osmosis filters are used at drinking water taps on base and in housing, which should bring water quality in compliance with the required level of the State Health Department. Soon, with the construc-

tion of the water treatment plant, worries about arsenic will be a thing of the past. "The technology definitely exists to get us down to 10 parts per billion (ppb)," said Edwards of the capabilities the treatment plant will have to get the water down to the new maximum arsenic level allowed.

According to the City of Fallon's Engineers Office, the blueprints for the proposed water treatment plant have been delivered from the Shepherd Miller Corp., who were contracted to draw up the plans. This means the city is "very close to going out for bid," said Larry White, the City's Engineer. The City of Fallon will solicit companies for the construction of the plant in early June by making public the requirements of the plans. Open bids will be accepted on July 23 in preparation for the proposed ground breaking in August of this year.

White explained that the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act calls for public water systems to be below 50 ppb initially and 10 ppb by January of 2006. With the new water treatment facility in operation, Fallon "... will most likely be able to get down to the 10ppb level upon start up of the plant," said White.



These three well heads which supply the base are located on Crook Rd. They tap into the basalt aquifer at depths between 510 and 538 feet. (Photo by JO1 Patrick Lane)

Public Notice on NASF Drinking Water

Background

Naval Air Station Fallon operates three wells for the public water system. These three wells are within 200 feet of each other and pump water from the same Fallon Basalt Aquifer that supplies water to the City of Fallon. The City of Fallon and Naval Air Station Fallon are required to periodically sample the water for various compounds. Naval Air Station Fallon public water system failed to monitor for the compounds identified in the table below from each separate well. However, the majority of the compounds were analyzed for in samples collected from at least one well during the sampling period. Examples of specific compounds that were monitored are arsenic, benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, other volatile compounds and primary metals.

Requirements

Naval Air Station Fallon Public Water System (PWS I.D. NV0000350) is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a

regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During 1999, 2000, and 2001, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for the contaminants listed below, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. The table below identifies the compounds, the period during which samples should have been taken, and the number of samples required for each contaminant.

What does this mean to me?

This is not an emergency. The current practices of providing treated (i.e. bottle water, RO treated) drinking water will continue with no additional measures at this time.

We are currently in the process of monitoring each of the wells for each compound. Sampling for these compounds will be in strict accordance with Federal and State requirements. You will be notified of any violation of the standards.

SOURCE #	COMPOUND	MONITORING PERIOD	NUMBER OF SAMPLES REQUIRED	NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN DURING MONITORING PERIOD
W02	Nitrate	1999	1	0
W03	Nitrate	1999	1	0
W01	IOC Phase II	2000	1	0
W02	VOC unregulated and nitrate	2000	1	0
W03	VOC unregulated, IOC Phase II and Nitrate	2000	1	0
W02	Gross Alpha/Beta, VOC Phase I & II, VOC Phase V, nitrate, Total Nitrate & Nitrite, Arsenic, Primary IOC Phase V, Secondary	2001	1	0
W03	Gross Alpha/Beta, VOC Phase I & II, VOC Phase V, nitrate, Total Nitrate & Nitrite, Arsenic, Primary IOC Phase V, Secondary	2001	1	0

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please call: Public Affairs Officer at 775-426-2880.

VOC= volatile organic chemicals

W01= well number 01

W03= well number 03

IOC= inorganic chemicals

W02= well number 02

Just who is NMCI anyway?

By NMCI Public Affairs

All over CONUS, commands are taking part in the most exciting new IT growth opportunity the Navy has ever experienced. Today, with the help of technology, industry continues to find new ways to enhance, and streamline business operations at a staggering rate. And now, with the help of the Navy Marine Corps Intranet, Sailors and Marines will join their civilian counterparts in using technology to develop exciting new information sharing techniques and streamlined business processes.

The NMCI was first envisioned in the mid-1990's as a way to enhance interoperability and security throughout the Department of the Navy's computer networks. The program

takes the hundreds of unconnected Navy networks and combine them into one standard and integrated enterprise-wide comprehensive network. This step will connect more than 400,000 DoN military and government civilians, allowing all to have instant access to the entire Navy's knowledge base at their fingertips for the first time.

At present the DoN has a variety of different hardware and software systems in use. The NMCI will bring with it, the latest in hardware and software to everyone from the deckplate to the chief-of-naval-operations. Utilizing one common operating system will allow for easier file transfers and more efficient work sharing.

NMCI offers direct interface with the afloat information infrastructure (IT-21) and will be an integral part of the Global Information Grid. This interoperability will allow commanders in an increasing joint environment the ability to make better, faster decisions.

It will provide all users with much needed technology refresh every three years. Sailors will no longer have to worry about not having the same version of Microsoft Word as someone at another command or in another department because everyone will have the same application versions.

NMCI is helping the Navy to re-

alize business process changes that at one time could only be dreamed about. Last year the CNO passed down an order for all business applications within the DoN to be web-



enabled by the year 2004. This initiative is well on it's way with approxi-

mately 40 applications already undergoing pilot testing in cyber space. Without the NMCI, these web-enabled applications would only be available to those who have access to the World Wide Web; now everyone within the DoN will have access. It is also paving the way for more user friendly and up-to-date payroll and personnel systems with the introduction of the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System to the DoN's business processes.

In time, as more creative minds begin to utilize the NMCI enterprise network, Navy leadership is confident that more new business processes will follow. Bringing our Sailors and Marines back to their war-fighting missions and away from fewer mission critical and time-consuming efforts.

Summer fun Safety tips: ATVs

Today over five million people ride ATVs for both work and play. This is an exciting, enlightening outdoor sport that has become very popular.

As the ATV market has expanded, private industry and government agencies are increasingly using ATVs in their daily operations. Law enforcement, military installations, land management, rescue operations, oil production and farming use ATVs as their daily workhorses in varied utility applications.

More than ever it is important to implement safety knowledge and skills to ensure the ATV operator is able to perform the work activities safely or just have fun. Proper instruction and practice are important because ATVs handle differently from other vehicles, such as motorcycles and cars.

However, ATVs have not enjoyed a good safety record. Estimates from

the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) report up to 90,000 ATV-related injuries per year and 120 deaths.



Nearly 50 percent of the injuries and fatalities are children under 16. Through adequate training, proper use and common sense, ATVs can be used safely and effectively.

Quick Facts...

- ATV numbers have increased rapidly in rural America, and so have ATV-related injuries and deaths.
- Professional instruction and certification, safe speeds, protective gear (especially a safety helmet), and adherence to laws and regulations can reduce accidents.
- Using ATVs for field operations requires special care.
- Operating tips also provide additional safety measures.

Reduce Accidents

The CPSC and the Specialty Institute of America believe ATV accidents can be reduced if the following safety rules are observed:

- Three-wheeled ATVs have unique handling characteristics. Beginning riders should get professional instruction and certification. Practice first on a level area, then in a more difficult but controlled environment, before riding an ATV in rough or unfamiliar terrain.
- CPSC injury investigations show that the majority of accidents occur when the ATV unexpectedly encounters an obstacle, such as a rock or ditch. Do not exceed speeds that are safe for the terrain you are traveling.
- For several ATVs, the only suspension provided on the machine is the low pressure (2 psi to 6 psi) balloon tires. Excessive speed, combined with rough terrain, can create enough pitch and bounce to cause the operator to lose control of the vehicle. Models with factory-built suspension systems are more stable and controllable over rough terrain.
- Always wear an approved protective helmet and other protective gear.
- Three-wheeled ATVs are designed for one rider. DO NOT ride double.
- Do not operate ATVs when using alcoholic beverages.
- Always read the instruction manual and follow the manufacturer's

guidance for use, maintenance and pre-use checks.

- Do not use ATVs on paved roads or streets.
- Observe local laws or regulations and any regulations that have been established for public recreational areas where ATV use is permitted.
- Since ATVs are relatively small and low to the ground, they are difficult to see. Use lights, reflectors and flags to improve visibility.

News and Notes

Planet X presents...

ALL HANDS!

LEWIS VS TYSON

June 8 starts 6pm

Entrance fee \$10 per person...where will you be when history goes down? Movie/Pizza Night

June 12 at the base theater starting at 6pm

Free pizza and a newly released movie "Jason X"

all single military and geo-bachelors are welcome call 426-2836 for additional information

Long Drive Contest and Closest to the Pin(100yd)

June 19 at 6pm

MWR Driving Range

Call X2836 for details

Yosemite Trip, June 22

Must sign up and be paid by June 19 Cost includes:

transportation to the park, lunch two-hour tour

Call 426-2836 for more details

Rock n' Bowl

--June 25

all single military and geo-bachelors welcome. Pizza and bowling all for \$1 per person 7-10pm call 426-2836 for details

--Silver State presents...

Family Night

"South of the Border Style"

Mexican Buffet June 15 5pm - 8pm

Boss' Night at the CPO Club

June 13 starting 4pm

Mexican Buffet

Jst REC it...

Look for details on upcoming contest for WWE Tickets to attend a televised taping on June 18 in Sacramento! Call 426-2836

Cool off at Spinners' with fruit smoothies, old fashion milkshakes and NEW large waffle cones!

Call in orders 426-3672

--Servicemembers and base employees are invited to the grand opening of Cold Springs Station in Cold Spring, NV. Free food and entertainment are available. Event kicks off June 15-16. Call (916)-348-6776 or (775) 423-1233 for more information.

NAS FALLON LIBRARY KICKS OFF SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Join us at the library this summer as we celebrate the many sports and games that can be read about in books. The 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Join the Winner's Circle," is open to readers of all ages. Children who are reading on their own can read any books they choose, and keep track of time spent reading. For each three hours of reading, participants can claim a book from our special collection that will be theirs to keep. Prize drawings will be held weekly. We will have a different sports theme and craft each week. This is a wonderful time to encourage your child to read. Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins June 24, 2002, with the program wrapping up on July 27, 2002. Children may register at the library any time during the program. All programs are free of charge. For more information, call the library at 426-2599.

BZs around base

OSC and Commissary Scholarship winners



A luncheon and award ceremony was held recently at the Silver State Officers' club for this year's recipients of the Officer's Spouses Club and Commissary Scholarships. Pictured from the right are; Stephen Zielinski who was awarded \$1,500 from the OSC and will be attending UNR; Kevin Wallace who was awarded \$1,500 from the Commissary and will be attending Cornell University; Jesse Hejny who was awarded \$1,000 and will be attending Butte College in Chico and Cathleen Andrews who was awarded \$1,000 and is attending Sierra College. Not pictured are Lauren Banks who was awarded \$1,000 from the OSC and Christopher Karo who was awarded \$500 from the OSC.

Congratulations graduates



Isabella Cedillo shows off her certificate following graduation, May 31, of her prekindergarten course. Twenty four other children made up the graduating class. The course is designed to develop children's skills before they continue on to kindergarten

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such as Home for the Holidays where a sailor wins a ticket home for Christmas.

MWR also has its own condominium in Lake Tahoe not too far from the slopes, which is rented out six months in advance.

As Dormuth stated before, MWR offers more activities than what they put on the fliers and they hardly turn down any suggestions patrons give. Anything a group wants to do, MWR can set it up. For instance if a group wants to go to Las Vegas or Reno for a weekend MWR can set up the driver and transportation.

Those with licenses can volunteer as a driver for some of the trips they plan for sailors. MWR is always looking for volunteer drivers and driver's are compensated with their food, room and tickets paid.

Dormuth said that skydiving and white water rafting are future adventurous possibilities they are going to add into their program.

MWR likes to get feedback so they know they are offering what the sailor wants. That's where they get more ideas such as skydiving. "The more fresh ideas that we get the more we can suit you guys." Dormuth told the group. "It is really your opinion that matters."

A lot of members of the carrier air wings that deploy here take advantage of the Single Sailor program, but Dormuth said their main priority is the permanent party.

Pony Express Outfitters also known as Outdoor Recreation Center has rentals such as mountain bikes, boats, tents, fishing and camping equipment. During the ski season they have skis and snowboards.

MWR has been making major improvements in the last year such as the old Sportsline, the new golf range and the Indoor Pool. Their next project is to expand the Spinner's Cybernet Café.

The café already serves a variety of coffees and desserts and is a place for sailors to relax with computers, video games and movies in one room. The improvements will separate the rooms into a movie room, game room, eating and reading area and video game room.

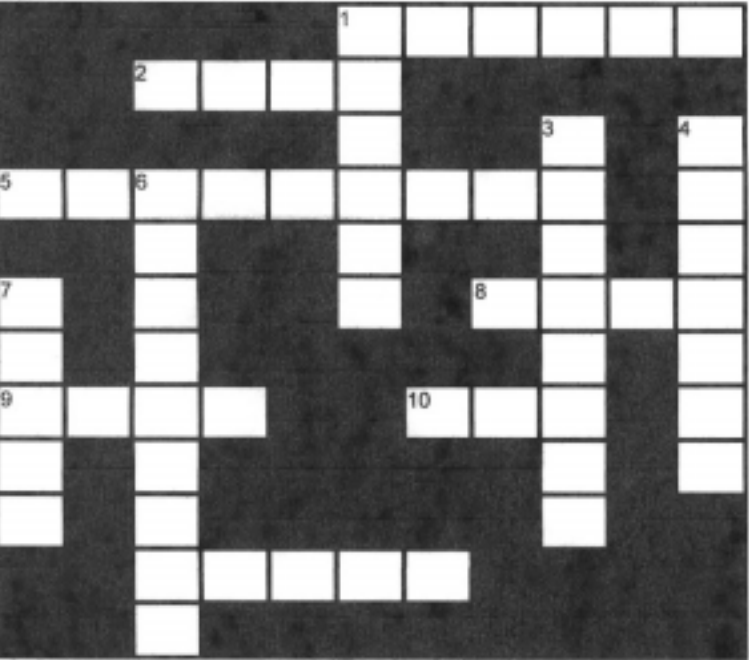
MWR has other facilities not mentioned such as the Auto Hobby Shop, the Youth Activities Center, the Go Kart track and many other facilities all to make off-working hours a little easier.

Dormuth said that all of the hard work MWR's personnel put in to making these programs available go to waste if no one takes advantage of them or gives them feedback on how to improve them.

She said encourages those who get stationed here to see what they have available first before they go out in town or write off this town as not having anything to offer because there is something for everyone.

For more information about MWR or a schedule of upcoming events, you can visit www.fallon.navy.mil or call 426-2836.

Safety Crossword Puzzle (Test your safety knowledge!)



All the answers to this crossword puzzle relate to workplace safety.

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Safe practices can help you stay in good _____.	1. Something that can cause harm to any wo who is exposed to a risk.
2. Federal agency that deals with workplace safety (acronym).	3. A unit of measure to express sound press levels.
5. Term for "easily caught on fire."	4. Done to keep machines, tools and electric devices from being turned on during repair a maintenance.
8. Operational _____ Management (ORM).	6. Safe practices help keep these from happi (Another word for mishap)
9. Manufacturer's form that contains information about a chemical or substance (acronym).	7. Synonym for smelly gas or vapors.
10. Safety gear that is worn for protection from workplace hazards (acronym).	
11. Another word for poisonous.	

NMCRS Farewells Two Valued Volunteers

NMCRS held a potluck luncheon to farewell two very special volunteers, Patty Fox and Elsie Hardesty. They have both played a vital part of the society for the past two years. They were both given a monogrammed coffee cup, hugs, and good luck wishes. We will dearly miss them both. Now we need your help to fill these key positions. Volunteering at your NMCRS can really make a difference in your life and the lives of others. A few of the wonderful benefits are acquiring new job skills, making new friends while helping others, and increasing your self-confidence as you grow professionally. Another great thing is the society pays for your childcare while you volunteer.

Please consider devoting a few hours a week and partake in this positive and rewarding opportunity. For further information contact Jana Rybold or Shirley Parker at 426-2739.

A Day out...



Photo and story JO3 Luke D. Johnson

Some Church Hill County High School special education students got to spend the afternoon at the sagebrush bowling alley eating pizza and throwing strikes.

Their trip to the bowling alley was made possible by all of the hard work that they put in serving their community.

The special education students served their neighborhood by working at the senior citizen center. The students provided lawn care and pulled weeds for the center. The students earned \$600.00 in a six week effort to make their community a better place, and the students did not even ask to be paid, all of the money they earned was through donations.

The main goal of the special education students volunteering was to help the community and serve those in need.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have been maintaining my family here in Fallon for over 10 years, and this is my first time submitting any kind of input to our newspaper. I have something to say.

Now, for almost half that time I have been suffering from an affliction called “Graves Disease” and Type II Diabetes. I was diagnosed approximately 2 ½ years ago, and for the last year I felt surely that my end on this earth was near. Adding to my physical and emotional misery, just like most of the rest of us, I have been greatly helped and sorely disgruntled by our own fellow locals in my search for better health.

Well, thanks to Heavenly intervention and providence, I was recently placed in the hands of some select few individuals who sincerely care for our area and people. Now “Graves Disease”, (Hyper Thyroid), as well as “Hashimoto’s Disease” (Hypo Thyroid), is a malady, which as I understand it, if left unchecked, will cause the sufferer a miserable existence until an ugly early death. Concentration, internal organ function, emotional stability, and general well being, to name a few processes of the body, are devastatingly affected. I was at the height of all this turmoil and more for the last year.

I underwent a Near Total Thyroidectomy on Friday, May 3, 2002. As with all major surgical procedures, the risk was immeasurably great, including the possibility Thyroid Storm, permanent hoarseness or loss of speech, and several life long chronic ailments—really bad ones. I had desired the surgery for some time, as I had not responded favorably to the myriad of medicines I was given to take—including Nuclear Iodine.

I am now enjoying a completely successful recovery, and eagerly looking forward to Total Thyroid Ablution. I feel incredibly well! This has been the epiphany of my life! Prior to this I was apathy personified and totally self absorbed. My colleagues, friends, and family are witnesses that I am now the complete opposite.

My most sincere thanks to the consummate professionals Dr. Edward S. Hutner, Dr. David Watson, the attending surgical team, and Kathy & Jonda; Dr. Hutner’s caring staff. I must also express my great gratitude to the amazing nurses at Churchill Community Hospital, especially Cindy, the Surgical Center, Lab, Shelly’s gentle touch, Patient check-in, Joanie’s attention to detail, and their dedicated skilled employees/associates in all departments. I salute

the outstanding Military and wonderful Civilians of the N.A.S. Fallon Branch Medical and Dental Clinic, Tricare, and good hearted people who helped so much during the days immediately following my discharge through my several familial crises. Also significantly noteworthy is the lively Dr. Stanley R. Shane M.D., F.A.C.P. and the most excellent staff at U.N.R. School of Medicine, MEDSCHOOL Associates North in Reno.

As you helped me, all of you treated me as a person worthy of your time and effort, and I’m confident you do this for everyone. My hat is off to all of you! My heartfelt thanks goes to all of my professional and personal well-wishers, friends, my kids, Dad, Father Ariel of St. Patrick’s, parishioners, and especially to my spectacular wife Alicia. The genuine care and concern of everyone made my postmop immense discomfort and significant pain far more tolerable. Now my life is so much more than mere existence.

My stellar wife and children are amazed at my enthusiastic gusto and desire for great quality of life, my restored admiration for our beleaguered community, and mysuperior pride to be earning the title of U.S. taxpayer. I have heard the adverse and derogatory opinions about Churchill Community Hospital enough! I am going to utilize our hospital & BM & DC for my family and myself with complete trust and utter confidence, putting my absolute faith in the Devine, the best wishes of close friends, casual acquaintances, and even perfect strangers, to do what is best for my family and me. I cannot wholeheartedly stress enough the immense tangible improvement to our community (for those of all ages) that is provided by the caring and committed staff of Churchill Community Hospital.

I’ve often heard and even joined various individuals in readily criticizing our recently plagued community. To be so bold as to quote GENESIS 28:17 “Terribilis Est Locus Iste”, as inscribed on the gate of Renne le Chateau in France, was a prevailing theme. Not here - Not me - Nevermore! I shall be proud and happy to reside here secure in the knowledge that our medical, fire, military, and law enforcement personnel will provide us with safe, clean, competent, professional, and sincere care as we all engage in our individual just and lawful pursuit of happiness. Thank you for your time and interest. I wish everyone blue skies ‘n open roads, and thanks to all of them for a personal new future so bright I gotta wear dark glasses like the cops in Texas. In my parlance, Fallon truly rocks! B-C-N-U (be seein’ you), adios for now.

Michael Steven Centeno



Recycling note: Glassified information

Americans throw away enough glass bottles and jars every two weeks to fill the Empire State Building.

It’s interesting to listen to people talk about why they like glass. The appeal is more than just being able to recycle it easily - they like the way it looks and feels, too.

It’s an ancient attraction. Glass bottles and jars have been a part of human culture for more than 3,000 years. We’ve been recycling them just as long, too. In fact, it’s conceivable that some of the glass you’ll use today was once part of a bottle used by Richard the Lionhearted or Catherine the Great.

Of course it’s not likely, but so what? The point is that recycling glass is a time-honored tradition. It’s up to us to keep it going for the next 3,000 years.

A TOUCH OF GLASS

Before recycled glass is shipped to manufacturers, it’s broken so it’ll take up less space. This broken glass is called “cullet.”

When it arrives at the glass factory, the cullet is run through a device that removes metal rings from bottles. A vacuum process removes plastic coatings and paper labels.

When it’s clean, the cullet is added to raw materials and melted down with them. Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass.

Glass never wears out. It can be recycled forever.

WHY RECYCLE?

We save over a ton of resources (1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda ash, 433 pounds of limestone, and 151 pounds of Feldspar) for every ton of glass recycled.

A ton of glass produced from raw materials creates 384 pounds of mining waste. Using 50% recycled glass reduces it by 75%.

We get 27.8 pounds of air pollution for every ton of new glass produced. Recycling glass reduces that pollution by 14-20%.

Recycling glass saves 25-32% of the energy used to make glass.

Glass makes up about 8% of America’s municipal garbage.

SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. PRECYCLE

Look for refillable bottles. They’re the most energy and material efficient; they can be sterilized and reused up to seven times before recycling.

Refillable bottles aren’t easy to find anymore. But if enough consumers

speak up at local supermarkets, they’ll reappear on the shelves. Case in point: Washington’s Rainier Brewery, citing its customers’ environmental concerns, has recently returned to using refillables for its single serving bottles.

An easy way to manage refillables: Get one of the sturdy crates they come in and store empties in it. When the crates are full, take them to the store and exchange the empties in it for full bottles.

2. RECYCLE

Remove lids and caps.

It’s okay to leave on neck rings, paper, and plastic labels - they burn or blow off in the recycling process.

Dump out food residue and lightly rinse bottles. Old food attracts animals, it’s a mess for recyclers, and stinks. Be sure to empty beer bottles. A drop of beer can turn into a slimy mold.

Remove rocks and dirt from bottles found in parks, on beaches, etc. Even a little stone can ruin a whole load of glass.

General Rules: Empty and rinse bottles; sort them by color, and try not to break them.

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Employment Opportunities

VACANCYNOTICE
Churchill County High School NJROTC Program announces a position:
Naval Science Instructor
This position will serve as an assistant to the Senior Naval Science Instructor.
Position requires: Retired or will be retired by August 2002 from the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.
Naval Science Instructor Certification or qualified to obtain certification by August 2002.
Completed Churchill County School District application including a resume.
Salary based on active duty pay and retirement pay.
200 day work calendar to include actual 182 school days.
Application Deadline: 4 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2002.

For information, call Personnel Office (423-5184) – Mrs. Lori Norcutt, Gary Imelli, Assistant Superintendent or Commander Rod Maskew, Naval Science Instructor – CCHS (423-2181)
Supply Clerk
Salary Range: \$24,701-\$32,113
Knowledge, skills and abilities: Knowledge of standardized supply regulations to perform routine technical support duties related to maintaining property accounts and records, completing individual transactions, providing customer assistance, screening reference files, conducting data searches and distributing output files.
Who may apply: Current or former permanent federal employees eligible for transfer or re-instatement, veteran readjustment appointment eligibles, disabled veterans, applicants meeting criteria for serverly physically dis-

abled and current DoD nonappropriated fund employees.
How to apply: If you are interested in applying for the position listed above, please submit your resume on line www.donhr.navy.mil or you may email your resume to wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil. Please select announcement number 2005. U.S. citizenship is required.
Security Assistant
Salary range: \$22,078-\$35,796
Knowledge, skills and abilities: Responsible for assisting in the execution of personnel, information, ADP and physical security programs at NSAWC. Assists the security department and command by performing a variety of clerical and administrative duties in support of the Security specialists. Responsible for the administration of the security program for a major critical program of highly classified nature. Incumbents will be required to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance. Coordinates and/or

conducts destruction of classified material. Maintains destruction records. Provides computer support, utilizing microcomputers and computer programs and loading of software onto the hard drives. Performs internal physical security functions for facility including making safe combination changes and administering lockup procedures.
Open to all U.S. citizens.
If you are interested in applying for the position listed above, please submit your resume on line www.donhr.navy.mil or you may email your resume to wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil. Please select announcement number 0086. U.S citizenship is required.
Emergency Communications Dispatcher
Salary Range: \$24,701-\$32,113
Major duties: Operates all communications links pertaining to law enforcement, physical security, fire suppression, aircraft crash/rescue vehicles and personnel.
Knowledge, skills and abilities: Ability to operate multiple radio communications equipment simultaneously. Ability to operate alphanumeric keyboard. Ability to dispatch emergency response vehicles to exact locations. May have highly stressful situations. Who may apply: Current or former permanent federal employees, dis-

abled veterans meeting criteria and current Dod nonappropriated fund employees. If you are interested, please submit resume to wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil. Please select announcement 2151

Answers to Safety Crossword ACROSS

- 1. Health
- 2. OSHA
- 5. Flammable
- 8. Risk
- 9. MSDS
- 10. PPE
- 11. Toxic

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- 1. Hazard
- 3. Decibels
- 4. Lockout
- 6. Accidents
- 7. Fumes

The Desert Classifieds


Pets:
—If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

Autos
:FOR SALE-
--Dodge Ram Mopar bedliner--less than 1-year old.
Fits short bed. Excellent condition. All attaching hardware included. Bug deflector brand new.
Both for \$150. Call 423-9675
--2001 GMC Jimmy 4x4 SUV for sale. 26,000 miles, every option but leather. still under warranty. asking \$18,500 firm, well under blue book. Ask for Joel 428-6898
—For Sale-1987 Ford F-150 4x4, extended cab. Good condition, runs well. \$3,000. Call Daryn. (775)530-7237 (w) 423-1895(h).
—For sale: blue, 1988 Ford F150; 1994-300 6-cylinder motor w/ 25,000 miles; many new parts; 1/2 ton;

automatic transmission; many new parts to the motor; overall good condition. Call 428-1078 if interested.

Misc.:
--Demonstrators Needed! Hot new home party: Ladybug Garden Parties. Great money, Flexible hours. Also, Giving Parties! Call Kimberly (775)835-6566.
—Dual Stroller for sale. Two-way stadium seating. All-terrain tandem stroller. Excellent Condition. Front seat reverses so tots can ride face-to-face. Rear seat fully reclines. Great for infants. Asking \$100. Call Laura at 423-9465.
—Kenwood stereo system with cabinet, speakers, 2 sided tape deck, tuner, cd player (holds 5 CDs) and amplifier all are also in excellent condition. Now asking \$500. Please call 423-2624.
—1995 G.E., 21.7 cu. ft., side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator/freezer with ice maker. Asking \$650/OBO. Phone AECS Jim

Williamson at 426-3485, during normal working hours or 423-8619, after normal working hours.
—Deluxe Stoller with car seat \$50 and white glider rocking chair with baby blue cushions at \$35 obo. Call Mardie at 423-2246.
—Coffee table and two end tables. Dark brown in color. storage space available within items.
—Looking for a way to get your car to your new duty station? Call Ed Gieratz. I will drive your car to your new duty station and I'm willing to go anywhere in the country. If you have questions or are interested in this service, please call me at 423-7776 or e-mail me at: safedriver59@yahoo.com.
--House for sale: four-bedroom and three-bath home for \$155,000. Will pay all closing costs, will provide homeowners policy, excellent neighborhood, many mature trees on lot, 1+ acre of land, extensive landscaping, entire interior repainted, oversized garage and many other extras. Call 426-2618 or (412)916-5877 or stop by 1205 Rosewood Drive. \$500 finder's fee to anyone upon closing for referral to purchase



Desert Moon Theater

Friday June 7	Changing Lanes (PG13)	6:30pm
	Jason X(R)	9pm
Saturday, June 8	Panic Room (R)	6:30pm
	Life or Something Like it (PG13)	9pm
Sunday, June 9	Scorpion King (PG13)	2pm
	Murder by Numbers (R)	5pm
	Jason X (R)	7:30pm
Monday, June 10	Life or Something Like it (PG13)	6:30pm
Tuesday, June 11	High Crimes (R)	6:30pm
Wednesday, June 12	Changing Lanes (PG13)	11am
	Scorpion King (PG13)	2pm
	Jason X (R)	6:30pm



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